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Dear Emory,

Oswald had two FBI numbers. This may be normal. I am not assuming it is. One may be an identification number from something innocent, like his Marines fingerprints, the other from his N.O. arrest. I do not know. However, I do know this caused the Commission's lawyers to ask the FBI about it. I have not found the reply, if any.

The first number I encountered is 327 925D. The second is 193-82555.

One of the things I found mildly interesting is the FBI lack of specific reference in alluding to his fingerprints. They did not say the fingerprints were his but fell short of it, using an elliptical phrase. Of course, this may be the FBI's lack of comfort with words, but again, I think it not absolutely necessary that we assume this.

You will recall the studies you made for me of the other number. I send these for any sense you can make of or give to them.

For reference: the first number is in CD87:449, the second in a 3/26/64 Rankin to Hoover letter in the GAI-FBI file, in the attached list of questions.

For the recent past my work has been in other areas. I have drafted the addition to CCUP D'ETAT and hope soon to return to the writing on the autopsy. Meanwhile, I'm attacking what always accumulates during writing.

Have you, in your own interest, followed the Penkovsky case? If you have, what literature or files have you accumulated?

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg